



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007**

Present: Council Members	- Campos, Chirco, Chu, Constant, Cortese, Liccardo, Oliverio, Nguyen, Pyle, Williams; Reed.
Present SCVWD Members	- Santos, Sanchez, Kamei, Estremera, Kwok.
Absent SCVWD Members	- Wilson, Judge. (Excused)

SCVWD Staff: Chief Executive Officer Stanley M. Williams, District Counsel Debra Cauble and Clerk of the Board Lauren Keller.

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## **Opening Remarks**

SCVWD Chair Tony Estremera welcomed meeting participants and presented opening remarks. San José Mayor Reed presented opening remarks and offered an introduction to City Manager Debra Figone.

Council and Board discussion followed each presentation.

## **Overview of Flooding in San José**

Santa Clara Valley Water District General Manager Stan Williams presented opening comments on partnership between City of San José and SCVWD and discussed an integrated approach to water management.

Assistant General Manager Jim Fiedler (SCVWD) and Director of Public Works Katy Allen offered information regarding flooding potential, the District's role in offering flood protection and shared responsibility with the City of San José in the areas of flood protection measures and policy decisions.

## **Floodplain Management program**

Deputy Director Public Works Timm Borden and Assistant Director of Planning and Code Enforcement Laurel Prevetti provided an overview of FEMA standards, the National Flood Insurance Program and update of the San José 2020 General Plan.

## **Public Comments**

Brian Schmidt, representing the Committee for Green Foothills, offered comments on development of stronger protections for riparian buffers. The Committee for Green Foothills has formulated and wishes to submit a legal white paper to the Council addressing the Water Boards' permit requirements for future development projects. Mayor Reed asked that this document be submitted.

## **Floodwater Management program**

District Staff Ann Draper gave a presentation on floodwater management, natural flood protection policies and how the City of San José may incorporate natural flood protections in General Plan considerations.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

City of San José Director of Emergency Services Kimberly Shunk, Michael Connell from San José Public Works Department and Carole Frederickson from the Water District's Office of Emergency Services offered a presentation on the principles of emergency management and hazard mitigation plans.

Mayor Reed opened a conversation on the mobilization of volunteers in the event of a flood emergency. Kimberly Shunk offered to take this question back to the Silicon Valley Volunteer Association.

## **Public Comments**

Brian Schmidt Committee for Green Foothills expressed appreciation for the cooperation between the SCVWD and the City of San José and their support of the First Annual Creeks and Watershed Conference.

## **Next Steps**

Director of Public Works Katy Allen summarized key presentation points as follows: (1) Need to listen to individuals in the community, (2) Ownership of the creek, and how we may explore the benefit of common ownership, (3) FEMA's availability to address our needs as the occasion arises, (4) Flood insurance: updating maps in a timely manner so individuals can be alerted when their property is no longer designated as a flood zone. Follow-up action item: Identify timeline when Lower Silver Creek map revisions will occur. (5) New development: What are the expectations when people buy their property, (6) Notification to public, including multi-language, multi-media, (7) Development standards: Reviewing the best design practices, including information to be forwarded by Brian Schmidt, Committee for Green Foothills, (8) Re-use of sediment along riparian corridors, (9) Identification and coordination of volunteers in the event of an emergency, (10) Communication within minority populations (11) Planning template for emergency at the micro level – macro is under way, (12) Online access to information

Director of Public Works Katy Allen summarized action items as follows: (1) Let Council know when revisions to the flood zone maps will be made, (2) Tracking state and federal legislation regarding raising flood protection level and changing the current 100-year flood plan, (3) Circulate Brian Schmidt's white paper to Council and Board, (4) Staff to work together to bring back joint priorities for lobbying efforts

Council and the Board discussion of key points followed.

## **Adjournment**

Chairperson Estremera and Mayor Reed adjourned the Joint Study Session at 3:27 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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